

558-564 South Meyer Avenue  
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)  
Tucson  
Pima County  
Arizona

HABS No. AZ-73-35

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 558-564 S. Meyer Ave., Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse  
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner: Pierre M. Jansen

Present Occupants: #558, David Groenfeldt #560-562, Vacant  
#564, Martin M. Wessler, potter.

Present Use: Residential; apartments.

Significance: This flat-roofed Sonoran adobe apartment block blends into the South Meyer Avenue streetscape of long, low apartment rows, although it is not contiguous to any of the other structures. The flush-fronted building has been recently restuccoed and repainted, with a decorative mural added to the north wall. The brick coping around the front and the side parapets is an element not found elsewhere along this section of South Meyer Avenue.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1902, probably.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 242, Lot 17.

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| 1900 | Deed, September 10, 1900, recorded in Volume 31, page 570.<br>Charles F. Schumacher to Patrick E. Reeng. |
| 1904 | Deed, December 13, 1904, recorded in Volume 36, page 329.<br>Ben and Mattie Morgan to F. K. Miller.      |
| 1909 | Deed, July 1, 1909, recorded in Volume 47, page 159.<br>F. K. Miller to Annie Loomis Miller.             |
| 1909 | Deed, July 7, 1909, recorded in Volume 47, page 188.<br>Annie L. Miller to E. T. Jones.                  |

- 1911 Deed, July 22, 1911, recorded in Volume 51, page 174.  
E. T. and Jennie Jones to M. W. Jones.
- 1911 Deed, November 17, 1911, recorded in Volume 52, page 26.  
Estate of Patrick Reeng to M. W. Jones.
- 1916 Deed, June 12, 1916, recorded in Volume 52, page 316.  
Board of Supervisors to M. W. Jones.
- 1912 Deed, June 12, 1912, recorded in Volume 53, page 414.  
M. W. and Laura A. Jones to Bernabe Robles.
- 1947 Deed, December 26, 1947, recorded in Volume 40, page 489.  
Estate of Bernabe Robles to Joaquina S. Robles.
- 1948 Deed, July 28, 1948, recorded in Volume 99, page 27.  
Joaquina S. Robles to Bernabe S. Robles et al.
- 1951 Deed, August 7, 1951, recorded in Volume 373, page 386  
Estate of Joaquina S. Robles to Carlos G. Robles et al.
- 1955 Deed, March 21, 1955, recorded in Volume 818, page 558.  
Bernabe S. Robles et al to Mercedes R. Martinez.
- 1958 Deed, November 7, 1958, recorded in Volume 1336, page 22.  
Estate of Mercedes R. Martinez to Baudelio R. Martinez et al.
- 1966 Deed, April 4, 1966, recorded in Volume 2715, page 309.  
Estate of Baudelio R. Martinez to Arenal et al.
- 1968 Deed, February 23, 1968, recorded in Volume 3187, page 529.  
Martinez as Trustee to Arenal.
- 1973 Deed, August 28, 1973, recorded in Volume 4586, page 243.  
A. J. Martinez to B. Arenal.
- 1973 Deed, August 28, 1973, recorded in Volume 4586, page 244.  
B. Arenal to J. Schroeder.
- 1975 Deed, November 26, 1975, recorded in Volume 5152, page 837.  
D. P. Hillgrove to Helen Blenman et al.
- 1975 Deed, November 26, 1975, recorded in Volume 5152, page 838.  
Blenman and Morgan to Helen Blenman et al.
- 1977 Deed, May 2, 1977, recorded in Volume 5516, page 565.  
Blenman et al to Miranda Susan Lyon.
- 1977 Deed, May 2, 1977, recorded in Volume 5516, page 566.  
M. S. Lyon to Morgan (30%), Blenman (30%), and Cox (40%).

- 1977 Deed, May 2, 1977, recorded in Volume 5516, page 567.  
C. Blenman Jr. to Helen Blenman.
- 1977 Deed, May 2, 1977, recorded in Volume 5516, page 568.  
John H. Morgan to Josephine Morgan.
- 1977 Deed, May 2, 1977, recorded in Volume 5516, page 569.  
Helen Blenman to Dree Lyon.
- 1978 Deed, April 18, 1978, recorded in Volume 5757, page 451  
Helen Blenman et al to M. L. Dover.
- 1978 Deed, June 19, 1978, recorded in Volume 5800, page 524.  
Bettina Arenal to Blenman Schroeder, and Cox.
- 1979 Deed, January 15, 1979, recorded in Volume 5943, page 451.  
Marilyn L. Dover to Pierre M. Janssen.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: A frame porch addition was built on the north side and rear of this structure between 1914 and 1919. The porches were removed prior to 1948.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

These apartments housed a large number of short-term tenants with Spanish surnames from the time of their construction around the turn of the century until the present time. Most tenants are listed in the city directories as laborers, and most did not remain in the apartments longer than five years.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico) (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and historical background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Building slip, Pima County Assessor's Office.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).

Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

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